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**Applicant(s):** Weichao G. Chen et al.

**Examiner:** E. Huang

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**RESPONSE TO ABSENCE OF A SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action dated August 6, 2003.

The Official Action has converted the requested Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), filed under 35 C.F.R §1.53(d) on May 27, 2003, into a Request for Continued Examination Application (RCE), filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

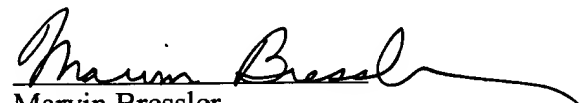
The Official Action concedes that all requirements for proper filing of an RCE application have been met with the May 27, 2003 filing but for the inclusion of a

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submission.

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement. An Information Disclosure Statement, under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), is within the class of documents that constitute a submission required as one of the components of a proper RCE application.

This filing is made within one month of the issuance of the outstanding Official Action permitting one month to complete proper filing of the RCE application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marvin Bressler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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